

**Park City School District
December 1, 2015
Special Regular Session 8:30 AM**

Members present

Tania Knauer, Nancy Garrison, Philip Kaplan, JJ Ehlers and Julie Eihausen

Staff Present:

Todd Hauber, and Lorie Pearce

Call to Order

Board President Knauer called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Member Knauer led the pledge of allegiance.

Open and Closed Schools

Business Administrator, Todd Hauber, reviewed the open and closed schools in the district. The numbers have changed in the maximum enrollment and the utilization of the classrooms in some of the schools since the last report. Todd has looked at every space in each building, and the programming at each building as well. Based on this information, according to statute, all schools can be declared as open. There is sufficient capacity to hold the schools open to applications. The review of applications after the early open enrollment period will determine if there is program space.

Member Eihausen wants to be clear that if an out of boundary student is accepted into the district, there is no guarantee that siblings will be accepted if the school is full. Our current policy does state this fact.

Member Eihausen asked what would happen if we took the two portables out of Trailside?

Todd Hauber stated that if we moved them out, the school would still be declared open by three students.

Todd Hauber said that at this point, leaving Trailside open allows applications to come in, but that is not a guarantee that there is available space in the school. This will give us several months to discuss programs and possible changes.

Member Kaplan asked if the projected numbers for next year is less than 2%. Todd Hauber stated that he is projecting 1.5%, or flat for the next year. This year we anticipated a larger number of kindergarten students, which didn't happen. Looking at numbers, we may have smaller class enrollments for the next few years.

Member Garrison asked about utilization numbers that were provided by Todd for the secondary schools. It appears that the high school classrooms are utilized more than those at Treasure and Ecker.

Travel Request

Wrestling Coach, Doug Payne, is asking permission to travel to St. George, UT on December 17-19, 2015 with a group of 20 students to compete in a wrestling tournament at Dixie High School.

Member Eihausen made a motion to approve the wrestling travel request as presented. Member Ehlers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PCHS Golf Coach, George Murphy, is requesting permission to travel to St. George, Utah on March 10-12, 2016 with 7 students to play in the Region 10 tournament.

Member Ehlers made a motion to approve the golf travel request with the change of the date to 2016. Member Eihausen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Plan Update

Member Kaplan reported on the Strategic Plan update. The committee has met on two different occasions so far. It has been determined that “What Counts Meetings” will be set up for late January or early February. These will be community input meetings.

Member Garrison reviewed the “What Counts Information” and the process for gathering information.

Facility Update

Business Administrator, Todd Hauber and Building and Grounds Director, Todd Hansen, presented the Treasure Mountain Facility Data Review. The Capital Outlay Process for principals has returned to the way it was done in the past, which includes having the principals evaluate their buildings, turn in their requests and then the committee will begin their work. There are no restrictions as to what principals or directors can ask for.

The discussion continued regarding the cost benefit of keeping TMJH online. Todd Hansen presented the 2001 VCBO study, which made several recommendations including cosmetic and safety issues. One thing that was not done was taking out the carpet in the lunchroom. Most of the other repairs were done except the lightening recommendation due to cost. All sprinkler heads need to be replaced this year. The building was not designed for this area and there are a lot of issues that still need to be addressed. Member Kaplan said that we are really looking at when are we done with this building. Todd Hansen said that for two or three more years, we can make this run but any longer, will be an issue. Immediate needs include:

Sprinkler heads for entire school.

Replace fire alarm system

Environmental contaminants (lead) through the ventilation system

The Hogan study indicates that they tested the walls for seismic standards and 15-20% of the walls do not have the reinforcement in place for today's code. The cost of bringing the building up to code is \$3.2 million. The roofing system was built to code and brought up to code in 2006, but again for code today it is not at that level. To keep the building to the full extend of its life would cost \$16 million. The Hogan study also indicated that there is a high calcium deposit in the water system and we would need to improve the pretreatment system if we are going to keep the building to its full life of 50 years.

To make this building last 15 more years, we would need to invest \$16 million, which is half the price of a new school. Todd Hansen doesn't believe we should keep putting money into this building. Todd Hauber has a different opinion. There has been deferred maintenance to this building because another decision was pending. So we are catching up on things that would have been taken care of annually. This building does have some deficiency because we have deferred too any times.

Member Garrison stated that this has always been a poorly designed building, and this continues to be a discussion as to what to do. Member Knauer asked what is needed from the Board. Todd Hansen said that we need to take care of safety and then figure out what the long-term plan is. Member Eihausen said we will have to spend \$16M that does not include fixing the lighting issue or the day-to-day issues that students are facing. Todd Hauber thinks we should spend the money and keep the building in use for its full useful life and replace the systems that are needed. This does not address the education aspects for the building. Todd Hansen believes we should take the building down as soon as possible.

Member Knauer asked the Board what information they need to come to a decision? Member Eihausen said that she does not need any more information and she feels that the building should have come down when they did the last renovation. This is not a wise investment.

Member Garrison is concerned that this is not a good investment for taxpayer dollars.

Member Kaplan said it comes down to when not if and then how much in between. We should not make the investment in structural improvement. He is not convinced on the exact timing.

Member Ehlers is concerned about having to do structural improvements and find somewhere to put the kids for a year that is an additional cost. Have we done a true analysis to see what it would cost to bring the facility up to meet the education needs of students? She does not want to put any more students through Treasure Mountain than necessary. If we pull the 9th graders out of Treasure, what are we going to do with the building; we need to think about this.

Member Knauer feels that we have already put more money into TMMS than we would have any other facility. She would like to figure out the cheapest way to limp along with this building and she would never do anything structurally to this building. This building is the eyesore of our district.

Todd Hauber said that it sounds like the Board has cleared up one element and this will fit into broader discussions. Todd Hansen will share additional information with the Board as they move forward with capital outlay process. There are a number of items that were on hold due to the bond discussion that will now need to move forward.

Bond Analysis

Member Knauer asked the Board for a quick reflection of the bond process based on information they have gathered from talking with community members.

Member Eihausen is still hearing reasons that are all over the board. She would like to have the survey before she weighs in too much on this. The most surprising is that she thought the board had relayed the message that it was a capital bond and not to be used for salaries, but those questions are still out there.

Member Garrison has met with several community members and athletics seemed to be a sticking point. We let transparency bite us in the butt. That is coming from the perspective of the numbers changed, hard to find information. A take away for her is to be strategic in how people access our materials seemed to have been something that worked against us. One clear message is that the people who were involved in the no campaign are very interested in being included in moving forward, yet when asked what that looks like, she cannot get any clarity. She is also hearing an appreciation, but that is a minor tone compared to the one of it wasn't done right.

Member Kaplan can say that he has personally sat with every person on the no campaign. What did we do wrong? We had a lot of support from athletic parents, but we talked too much about athletics and not enough about academics. We didn't talk about STEM, Reading, etc. Moving Dozier Field created a lot of opposition. If we do this again, we will be starting with 30% no's. Where do we go from here? Clearly we need to be talking more about academics. The next phase after the information phase is defining a master plan, or define a process for getting a new one. We have to take the information and move from there. Outside of TMMS, we can take our time because enrollment numbers are projected to be flat. If we are going to bond, we need to make that decision now.

Member Ehler's has been talking to community members who thought they were going to vote for the bond, but then voted against it. The concern was that if the bond failed, then the Board would raise the tax levy, they didn't like the way this was brought out. Another item was the athletic facility. When can we get the 9th graders in the high school, there is another concern about the 6th grade dual immersion? This is what elementary parents are worried about. Where do we stand on grade realignment now?

Member Knauer believes that Dr. Conley and the administrative team will come to the Board in January with recommendations for the grade realignment moving forward. Member Knauer has heard many of the same things as other members. It isn't like everyone in town didn't vote for the bond. Those that did vote for the bond did read the reports and understood the information. We do not need to start from scratch. We need to take the master plan that we have and put it out there as a starting point. There is a huge gap in what people think we need and what we really need. We need to spend some time looking at our athletic and performing arts needs. We need to quantify our needs with a true needs assessment.

Board Engagement Initiative

Crystal Hoogeveen has been instrumental in helping the Board review information regarding the Board Handbook, and she is now working on the Board Engagement Initiative. The Board reviewed a timeline and aspects of the initiative.

Board Handbook

Members Ehlers has been working on the Board Handbook and she is now getting into the tough stuff. She is asking for some help from other Board members. Member Ehlers will prepare a list of sections that still need attention and then everyone can sign up to review.

Communications Specialist

Todd Hauber is asking the Board to review the Communications Specialist job description to make sure that all of the elements they want are included. Is this a full time, full year contract or something else? The Board will need to make this determination before moving forward. Member Knauer feels that it is year round, and feels that we should start with part time to see where it goes from there. Member Ehlers feels that this may be a full time job for the first year, and then after that it may change. Member Kaplan feels that we should go with part time now and then work up if we need to. Member Garrison is worried that we may not find good applicants if we only offer part time.

Bond Survey

Todd Hauber is waiting for bids to come back in and he should have all of them in tomorrow.

Adjourn

Member Ehlers made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal issues. Member Eihausen made a motion to amend the motion to exclude legal

issues from the Closed Agenda. Member Ehlers accepted the amendment. Member Garrison seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Yea: Philip Kaplan, Nancy Garrison, Julie Eihausen, Tania Knauer, and JJ Ehlers.

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Tania Knauer, President

JJ Ehlers, Member

Philip Kaplan, Member

Nancy Garrison, Member

Julie Eihausen, Member

Todd Hauber, Business Administrator